

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON JOBS AND INCOME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on January 19, 1999 at 4:32 P.M., in Room 325 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Rep. Karl Ohs, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Lorents Grosfield (R)
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)
Rep. Emily Swanson (D)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Gordon Higgins, Legislative Branch
Deb Thompson, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: HB 238

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 238

Rep. Ohs **MOVED** HB 238. Rep. Simon **MOVED** amendment #23803. The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Gordon Higgins explained amendment #23804. Rep. Simon **MOVED** amendment #23804. The question was called. The motion **PASSED**

unanimously. **{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1 - 6.5}**

Sen. Grosfield **MOVED** amendment #23801. **{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.5 - 12.7; Comments : Committee discussion regarding livable wage.}**

The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Gordon Higgins distributed the Cobb amendments, #23805. **{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.7 - 31.3; Comments : Committee discussed highway construction jobs, benchmarks}**

Sen. Waterman **MOVED** numbers 3, 4, 5, 7, 13, 14, and 15. The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously. Sen. Waterman **MOVED** number 6 with the new language. The question was called. The motion **PASSED** with one no by Rep. Mood.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 48 - 52.7; Comments : Committee discussed Commission policy.}

Peter Blouke, Director Department of Commerce, described the financial impact.

Rep. Simon **MOVED** to make a correction to item 20 on amendment #23808, the change the word serve to advise. The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously. **{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.2 - 2.7}**

Rep. Swanson said she was concerned about the chain of authority and did not feel comfortable with two people with equal authority. Sen. Waterman suggested the Commission write the job description for two positions. The Commission hires the director and the director hires the deputy and any additional staff. **{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.7 - 25.6}**

Sen. Waterman moved the amendment. The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Rep. Mood commented on page 3, the word "extraction" was being inserted into natural resources which had the effect of putting a negative connotation on natural resources. He **MOVED** to change that language so it would read "one member shall represent the industry which adds value to natural resources". **{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8 - 27.7}**

The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.7 - 35.2; Comments : Committee discussion regarding makeup of Commission, including tribal issue.}

Sen. Grosfield **MOVED** to strike 9 and 15 and add the concept into #20. The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 35.2 - 37.7}

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 37.7 - 41; Comments : Committee discussion regarding local economic development representation on the Commission.}

Sen. Waterman asked if there was a tie to the University System. She commented that she didn't think we expect enough of the University System in the area of economic development. Rep. Ohs referred to page 5, section 9 where this was addressed.

Sen. Waterman **MOVED** all of the amendments in #02308 except 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 17, 20 and will move the remainder. The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously. She **MOVED** to repair #9. The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Sen. Waterman **MOVED** amendment #3. The question was called. The motion **PASSED** 7-3 with Rep. Mood, Sen. DePratu and Sen. Taylor voting no. **{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 41 - 49.2}**

Rep. Simon **MOVED** to authorize Gordon Higgins to make any non-substantive, technical amendments that are required. The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously. **{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 49.2 - 50}**

Rep. Ohs **MOVED DO PASS HB 238 AS AMENDED.** The question was called. The motion **PASSED** unanimously. **{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 50 - 51}**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

DEB THOMPSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (joh14aad)